Washington, DC - As Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano testifies about aviation security on Capitol Hill today, Rep. Bruce Braley (D-lowa) sent a letter urging her to implement the *Protect the Lives of Americans Now through Enhanced Screening* (PLANES) *Act* now, rather than waiting for the bill to proceed through Congress. Braley introduced the *PLANES Act* last week in response to the Christmas Day attack on Flight 253.

"I'm looking forward to working with you and my colleagues in Congress to implement the *PL ANES Act* 

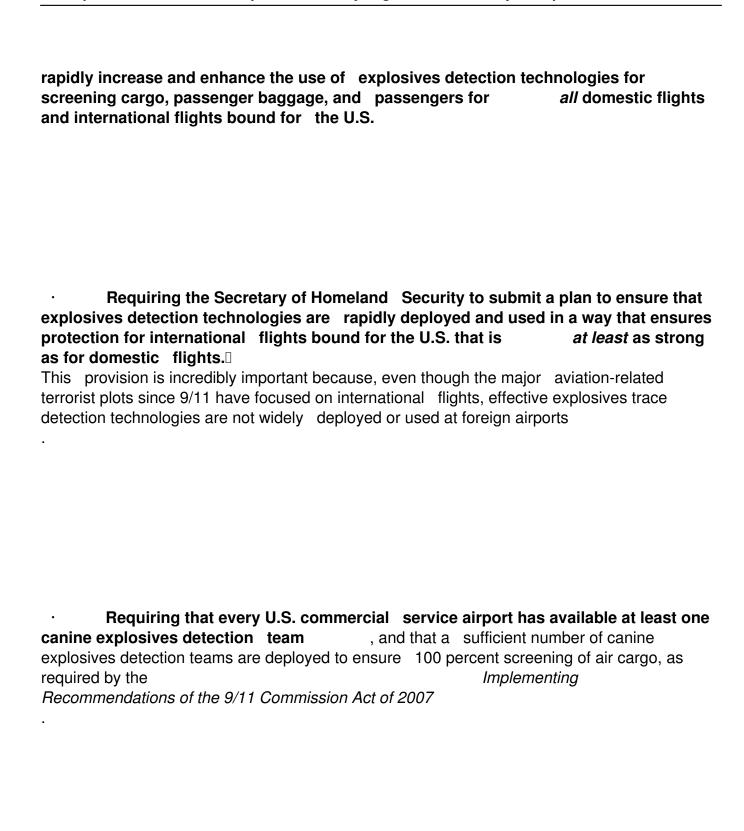
and to significantly enhance the safety of American travelers," Braley wrote to Napolitano. "As we consider possible legislation in Congress, I respectfully urge you to incorporate the important provisions in the

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into your ongoing efforts to enhance aviation security. I also respectfully request that you provide me with information on your current plans to rapidly deploy and enhance the use of explosives detection technologies both in the United States and abroad, including any available information on the potential to use the explosives trace detection technology currently used for screening carryon baggage to also screen passengers.

"I believe we can do more to ensure that all domestic flights and U.S.-bound international flights are protected from terrorist attacks while also upholding Americans' civil rights. I believe we must ensure that all U.S. airports and all international airports with flights to the United States have access to and are using the most effective explosives detection technology available to protect the lives of American passengers."

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